



Docket No. 56495

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. Donahue et al  
Serial No. 09/977,865 Art Unit: 1636  
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR NUCLEIC ACID  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated August 26, 2003.

In response to the species election as set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect as follows:

- 1) for a phosphodiester inhibitor compound, Applicants elect pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one; and
- 2) for agents of claim 75, Applicants elect vascular endothelium growth factor.

Pending claims that read on (encompass) those elections include claims 1, 27, 36-38, 48-50, 57-59, 61, 63, 64, 66, and 70-96

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

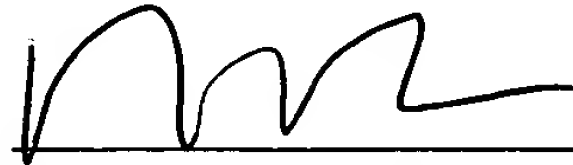
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Respectfully submitted,

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